



It Builds Good Habits

What is Attendance?

Attendance just means coming to school regularly and not missing lessons without a good reason. The more you show up, the more you learn.



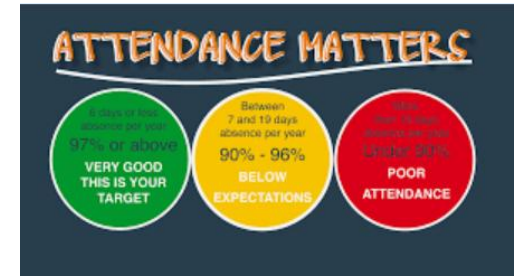
What is Punctuality?

Punctuality means getting to school and class on time.



We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, and we recognise that some children may have medical needs, additional needs or exceptional circumstances that affect punctuality and we will always work with families to provide appropriate support and reasonable adjustments where needed.

If there are ongoing issues affecting punctuality, please contact the school office so we can discuss how best to support you. Working together ensures your child has the very best opportunity to succeed.



You Learn More

Lost Learning Time

The school day begins promptly, and learning starts immediately. When a child arrives late, they often miss:

- Key lesson introductions and explanations
- Essential phonics, reading, or maths starter, handwriting and or spelling sessions depending on year group timetables
- Daily routines that prepare them for learning
- Important instructions that help them work independently

Academic Progress

When children miss the beginning of lessons, they may struggle to understand the main task. Teachers often cannot repeat full inputs without disrupting the learning of others. As a result, late pupils may:

- Feel less confident about their work
- Become more reliant on adult support
- Find it harder to build secure foundations in reading, writing, and maths
- Experience increased pressure when assessments take place

Over time, consistent lateness can contribute to lower attainment and reduced academic progress.

Social and Emotional Impact

Arriving late can also affect a child's wellbeing. Children who enter the classroom after learning has started may:

- Feel embarrassed or anxious
- Struggle to settle quickly
- Miss social time with friends before lessons
- Feel disconnected from the class community

Starting the day calmly alongside peers supports emotional security and confidence.

Even small amounts of lateness accumulate significantly over time:

- 5 minutes late each day = approximately **3 days** of lost learning per year
- 10 minutes late each day = approximately **6 days** lost
- 15 minutes late each day = nearly **10 days** lost
- 30 minutes late each day = approximately **19 days** (almost four weeks) lost

This lost time can result in gaps in knowledge, slower progress, and difficulty

It Helps Your Future

Safeguarding and Attendance Monitoring

Frequent lateness is recorded as part of a child's attendance record. Where lateness becomes persistent, it may be monitored more formally in line with school and local authority policy. Our aim is always to work in partnership with families to prevent this from becoming necessary.

It Shows Respect



Behaviour and Routine

Punctuality is an important life skill. Establishing strong routines helps children develop responsibility, organisation, and time-management skills. Persistent lateness can:

- Disrupt classroom routines
- Impact the learning of others
- Make transitions between activities more difficult
- Lead to patterns of disengagement

Good attendance and punctuality now lay the foundations for positive habits in secondary school and future employment.

